

**REMARKS**

Claims 1-2, 5-8, 11-12, 17-21 and 24-30 are now present in this application, claims 3-4, 9-10, 13-16 and 22-23 are being cancelled without prejudice or disclaimer of the subject matter contained therein.

**CONCLUSION**

Accordingly, in view of the above amendments and remarks, an early indication of the allowability of each of claims 1-2, 5-8, 11-12, 17-21 and 24-30 in connection with the present application is earnestly solicited.

Should there be any outstanding matters that need to be resolved in the present application, the Examiner is respectfully requested to contact John A. Castellano at the telephone number of the undersigned below.

If necessary, the Commissioner is hereby authorized in this, concurrent, and future replies, to charge payment or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 08-0750 for any additional fees required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.16 or under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17; particularly, extension of time fees.

Respectfully submitted,

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